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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to processes for the preparation of substantially pure ziprasidone. The invention also relates to the preparation of acid addition salts of ziprasidone. More particularly, it relates to the preparation of substantially pure hydrochloride salt of ziprasidone. The invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions that include the substantially pure ziprasidone or ziprasidone hydrochloride and use of said compositions for treating schizophrenia.